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SUBJECT: PASSENGER SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN

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1. CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF FIFTH SECTION ISTANBUL
POLICE DIRECTORATE, RESPONSIBLE FOR PORT SECURITY,
INCLUDED BROAD DISCUSSION EXTENT SECURITY MEASURES.

2. CHIEF TAMAY DIVIDES VESSELS CALLING AT PORT OF ISTANBUL
INTO THREE CATEGORIES AND TAILORS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS
FOR EACH GROUP ACCORDING TO DEGREE OF THREAT, ORIGIN
OF VESSEL, AND TYPE PASSENGER/CARGO CARRIED.

3. FIRST GROUP INCLUDES VESSELS OF GREEK, ROMANIAN,
RUSSIAN, ISRAELI AND AMERICAN REGISTRY WHICH CARRY
PASSENGERS OR COMBINED PASSENGER/CARGO PAYLOAD. THESE
VESSELS, WHICH DOCK AT KARAKOY AND SALIPAZAR ON WESTERN
SIDE BOSPHORUS NORTH OF GOLDEN HORN, ARE REGARDED

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AS HIGH RISK VISITORS FOR VARIETY UNDERSTANDABLE

REASONS AND ARE ACCORDED HIGH DEGREE SECURITY ATTENTION. UPON ARRIVAL, A 24 HOUR GUARD POST IS ESTABLISHED BY POLICE ON BOARD SHIP, AND A 24 HOUR 2 MAN ROVING PATROL IS DETAILED TO QUAYSIDE DUTY TO GUARD AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY AND EXIT AND PROTECT SHIP.

4. SECOND GROUP CONSISTS OF VESSELS WHICH DO NOT TIE UP AT DOCKSIDE BUT LIE OFFSHORE DURING VISIT WITH CHEMICALS, FUEL OIL, LIGHTERED CARGO, ETC. SECURITY FOR THIS GROUP NOT PROVIDED BY POLICE. CUSTOMS PROTECTION MANAGEMENT GROUP OF MIN CUSTOMS GUARD SUCH VESSELS. (FYI. CHIEF TAMAY AND SUPERIORS IN POLICE DIRECTORATE REGARD THIS AS WEAK LINK IN OTHERWISE EFFECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT CAUSED BY BUREAUCRATIC DIVISION OF LABOR AS WELL AS LIMITED FIFTH SECTION MANPOWER RESOURCES).

5. THIRD GROUP CONSISTS OF TURKISH MARITIME LINES VESSELS WHICH IN POLICE VIEW REPRESENT SPECIAL RISK BECAUSE OF INCREASING NUMBER ARAB PASSENGERS. IN THIS GROUP, THREAT IS REGARDED AS DOUBLE-EDGED: CHIEF TAMAY WISHES PROTECT SHIP AND PASSENGERS FROM DANGER WHILE IN PORT OF ISTANBUL AND ALSO PREVENT UNDESIRABLES FROM DISEMBARKING HERE. ON ARRIVAL OF VESSEL, POLICE, WITH CUSTOMS, CHECKS DOUCUMENTS OF PASSENGERS AND CREW. A RECENT INCREASE IN NUMBER ARAB PASSENGERS TRAVELING WITH QUESTIONABLE PAPERS HAS BEEN REPORTED.

6. BOARDING PASS SYSTEM FOR PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS OF ALL VESSELS APPEARS SOUND METHOD OF CONTROLLING ACCESS TO SHIPS. ALSO, TEMPORARY PASS ISSUANCE BY POLICE TO SUPPLIERS, TECHNICIANS AND VISITORS WHO DESIRE BOARD VISITING SHIPS APPEARS TO BE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED OPERATION.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO RE SPECIFIC THREATS TO SHIPPING/ PASSENGERS FOR RELAY TO LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS.

8. FOR A/SY: PLS REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE UNCLAS MANUALS, GUIDES, AND TRAINING MATERIALS REGARDING CARGO SHIPPING SECURITY FROM JOHN GRAZIANO, CHIEF, CARGO SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. CONGEN WOULD LIKE TO PASS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE REQUESTED SUCH INFORMATION. ALSO, WHILE CARGO SECURITY NOT SUBJECT OF REFTEL, PROVISION OF THESE MATERIALS WILL SERVE AS EXPRESSION OUR DEEP AND CONTINUING CONCERN WITH SECURITY MATTERS.
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